



Entered as Second Class Matter October 11, 1899, at the Post Office at Chicago, Illinois, under Act of March 3, 1879.

Office of Publication, 179 W. Washington St., Chicago, Ill.

INDEPENDENT IN ALL THINGS, NEUTRAL IN NONE.

Published Weekly.

Entered as Second Class Matter October 11, 1899, at the Post Office at Chicago, Illinois, under Act of March 3, 1879.

THIRTY-THIRD YEAR, NO. 18.

Subscription Rate, \$2 Per Year in Advance.

CHICAGO, SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 1922.

SINGLE COPY TEN CENTS. WHOLE NUMBER 168

# ZERO POLITICS

## Ice Berg Deneen Freezes the Brundage-Deneen-Crowe Combination Out of Business—Can't Stand Warmth

**Charles Snowball and His Chief Icicle, Roy O. West, Will Run a Primary Ticket Alone**

Ex-Governor Charles Snowball Deneen has frozen himself out of the Brundage-Crowe-Deneen combination. His head icicle, Roy O. West, goes out with him.

In union there is warmth and these political ice men cannot stand for that.

They will play freeze out all by themselves at the April primary. The Deneen people have been looking for a chance to refrigerate and it came when the Brundage-Crowe people asked them to be with the renomination of Sanitary District Trustees Matthias A. Mueller of the Twenty-ninth ward and James H. Lawley of the Fourteenth ward. Mr. Deneen said finally and definitely he and his friends will not stand for these two on an agreed primary slate.

So they put skis on their feet and let them go.

The Deneen-West faction of the Republicans is alleged to have 28 branch organizations in Chicago. They are all frozen and are named and numbered as follows: Branch 1, Igloo; 2, Iceberg; 3, Glacier; 4, Floe; 5, Iceicle; 6, Frazil; 7, Avalanche; 8, Curling; 9, Skate; 10, Skee; 11, Skating; 12, Sleeking; 13, Brush Ice; 14, Glare Ice; 15, Serac Ice; 16, Crampons; 17, Freeze; 18, Congeal; 19, Glaciate; 20, Glaciation; 21, Creeper; 22, Anchor Ice; 23, Thin Ice; 24, Frappe; 25, Chilled; 26, Frigid; 27, Glacious; 28, Roy O. West. Charles Snow Ball Deneen is said to be the High Golosh of the Arctic Vista.

The Chicago Arctic Circle of the Deneen Eskimos has some good fellows in it at that.

The police must be trying very hard to catch Tommy O'Connor if half the "tips" they give to the dallies about his whereabouts are true. Tommy might not know the cops were after him if they didn't use the papers so freely.

## ARMS MEET MAY END NEXT WEEK

Final Plenary Session Is Forecast by an Official American Spokesman.

## END MAY COME EARLIER

Delay in Winding Up the Conclave Is Due to the Inability to Effect Settlement on Three Important Questions.

Washington, Jan. 26.—A final plenary session of the armaments conference by the middle of next week was forecast by an official American spokesman. It is possible, he said, that it may come earlier, but that is hardly probable.

The program understood to be under consideration contemplates disposal of all matters still undecided and completion of the several treaties now in process of formation in the meantime. This plan would mean that the plenary session would bring the conference to a close.

Owing to the many matters which have been decided in committee and now must be acted upon by the conference, however, the plenary meeting may continue longer than one day. There is official intimation that when all is in readiness the plenary session

will be held, continue such necessary recesses, until final is written at the end of the conference labors.

### Three Important Questions.

Delay in winding up the conclave is due to the inability to effect settlement on three important questions. In each case Japan is the power blocking progress.

The three questions are Shantung, article 19 of the five-power naval treaty, which prescribes the formula for carrying out the agreement to maintain the status quo of fortifications in the "region of the Pacific," and the 21 demands. Japan's refusal to carry out her solemn pledge to return Shantung to China is preventing an agreement there.

Her failure to agree to the formula for the fortifications status quo is the only thing required for completion of the naval pact. And again Japanese opposition to consideration by the conference of the 21 demands is having a strong influence in holding off action on that question.

The naval treaty, it was officially announced, was whipped into final shape except for article 19. The committee of fifteen, which includes the chiefs of delegations and experts, went over the draft and made a number of alterations to perfect the verbiage, it was said, but no change was made in the substance. When article 19 is agreed upon and written into the naval pact, it will be ready for formal submission to the plenary session.

### Work on Nine-Power Treaty.

The drafting committee working on the nine-power treaty, which is to embrace agreements on the Far Eastern and Chinese questions, also made progress in its task. This pact, of course, cannot be completed until decisions are reached on several matters still pending. Whether the expected Shantung agreement will be incorporated in the nine-power treaty or embodied in a separate pact between the Chinese and Japanese has not been determined.

Secretary Hughes and Arthur J. Balfour, who have taken the Shantung question in hand in an effort to get the Chinese and Japanese together, were said to be hopeful of a settlement within a day or two. Mr. Hughes took Doctor Sze, Chinese delegate, to the White House for a conference with President Harding. No information was divulged, but it is understood Shantung was discussed.

So long as it is popular in some courts to compound felonies, persons who steal enough can always afford to compromise and escape prison. Less fortunate persons will have to do time. Money counts now days in the administration of the law.

Popular Pete Hoffman, our amicable and oft-running coroner, will be re-elected Republican committeeman from the county towns.

There are now four Republican factions in Cook county: The Thompson faction; the Brundage-Crowe faction; the Charles Snowball Deneen faction and the Peter M. Hoffman faction.

Corporation Counsel Ettelson has shown the aldermen that he knows how to run his office and to run it right.

The big following of State's Attorney Crowe will have a ticket of their own in the April Republican primary.

Outside of advertising a lot of so-called advertising agents, what has the Chicago Association of Commerce ever done?

Well, our good old state has something new to blow about and we are glad of it. Illinois has long been noted for its bum roads and parsimonious farmers. That's a thing of the past now. The building of new roads in the past year or so on the lines of

scientific construction and design, has lifted the state to eminence and leadership, delegates to the convention of the American Road Builders' Association, in session at the Coliseum, were told by Clifford Older, chief highway engineer of Illinois.

In the matter of completed mileage this state is also at the front, de-

### EAGLETS.

The Crime Commission is getting bigger every day. So is crime. The Commission issued some circulars showing how crime is increased among poor criminals on account of delays in bringing them to trial. It never issues circulars condemning the compounding of the felonies of rich men whom Cook County law permits to "settle" with their victims, for money, and thus escape prison for their crimes. This Crime Commission bank fools nobody. But the freeing of rich criminals, because they stole enough to "compromise" with, disgusts everybody. One law for rich thieves and another law for poor thieves may be good law in Cook County. But it does not abate crime very much.

The big, homely and probably useless mail station on the west bank of the river between Van Buren and Harrison street is nearing completion. Its steel frame work is two blocks long and eight stories high. Too bad Uncle Sam can never build a postal station on lines of usefulness or beauty.

The majesty of the law of the State of Illinois used to be the injured party in criminal cases. Things appear to be different now. Money regulates the law. If a swindler or a thief, judging from recent court records, gets enough swag he can escape prison by compromising with his

# VOTING REFORM

## Judge Righeimer Wants Betterment Made in Methods Now in Vogue for the Handling of Elections

**He Asks Each One of the Twelve Thousand Judges and Clerks to Think Up Improvements**

Judge Frank S. Righeimer, judge of the County court and head of the election machinery of Cook county is going to get every possible improvement into our election machinery. He has sent a circular letter to each one of the 12,000 judges and clerks of election in which he says:

"It is my most earnest desire that

gratulations upon the report of the special grand jury which was appointed to investigate charges of fraud in connection with the judicial election last year.

"All public officials must expect criticism, much of which is unfounded and unjust. Fortunately for us, however, we had an opportunity to show the public that the reckless charges of fraud were baseless, the special grand jury finding after seven weeks of painstaking and thorough investigation that the election machinery of Cook county has been honestly and efficiently conducted under the administration of the present county judge.

"When those serious charges were made involving the men and women I had appointed as judges and clerks of election, I was naturally concerned and you will perhaps recall that I wrote to you last July soliciting your co-operation in eliminating all corruption and fraud. The response to that request was such as to strengthen my confidence that the judges and clerks of election appointed by me were honest and efficient, and I am very happy that the seal of approval has been placed on their official conduct by the grand jury which investigated their acts.

"I trust that I may continue to have your honest and efficient co-operation and assistance and that you will not fail to send in your suggestions and recommendations."

An Associated Press dispatch from New Orleans, La., Jan. 25, says the New Orleans city council on council has been requested by the Chicago city council to pass a resolution asking congress to amend the Volstead act to permit beer and light wines and that all revenue from this source be set aside for a bonus for ex-service men. No action has been taken on the request.

The internal revenue department has assigned 200 of its field agents to assist citizens in making out their income tax schedules. The agents will be on duty in the federal building and other places in the district.

## MINERS APPEAL TO PRESIDENT

Cabinet and Congress Also Asked to Probe Conditions in Coal Fields.

## WORKERS ARE IN ACTUAL WANT

Statement Issued by Union Leaders in Pennsylvania Says Situation Is the Same Throughout the Country—Mine Owners Fail to Help.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Jan. 26.—"Is the government helpless to evolve any plan for meeting the crucial emergency of the miners?" ask officials of District No. 2, United Mine Workers of America, in an appeal addressed to President Harding, Vice President Coolidge, the speaker of the house, members of congress and the federal trade commission.

The appeal, which is signed by President John Brophy, Vice President James Mark and Secretary Treasurer Richard Gilbert of District No. 2, demands "a formal effective governmental investigation" of labor conditions in the coal fields of the country.

The communication exposes the situation of miners in the bituminous fields, but it is considered of importance by anthracite miners because District President Brophy was one of the principal speakers at last week's tri-district convention at Shamokin.

"The undersigned, representing 43,000 coal miners in central Pennsylvania," says the appeal, "have been

directed by the executive board of District No. 2 of the United Mine Workers of America to bring to the attention of the national government the facts of a serious situation and to ask of the government certain questions.

### Miners in Actual Want.

"The facts as we know them in our own wide district, comprising a large section of Pennsylvania are, in brief that a year's intermittent employment has left huge numbers of the miners with such depleted resources that in thousands of cases actual want confronts the miners' families, and in thousands of other cases, the standards of living are going down. The miners of this district have averaged only from one to three days' work a week for nearly a year. Their resources in the midst of the winter are vanishing. The present condition of thousands of their families should refute conclusively the reckless assertion of high wages piled up by miners.

"In the past few weeks our local and district organizations have been driven to attempt that which the coal industry should long ago have been forced to do under government pressure. We are appropriating and paying out what small sums we can muster as a sort of unemployment relief.

### Aided Nation During War.

"Through no fault of their own, miners in this district who, during the war, strained every muscle at the government's call to produce, now find themselves with nothing to live on through the winter. Thousands of necessities, for alone any approach to an American standard of living.

"And what is true of our 43,000 miners is true of half a million more miners in union and nonunion fields alike. We are no exception, it is the same in the Middle West and the South and Far West. From the small collective resources of the locals and the district organizations pitiful doles are dropped into a sea of demoralizing conditions.

### Operators Fail to Aid.

"The present managements of the coal industries have shown themselves helpless even to plan relief. Nursing the unconscionable war profits and watching for only rising prices with vague expectations of a harvest reaped from a coal scarcity, they answer all our efforts for betterment with calls for reduced wages. They do not even pretend to prove that cutting wages would revive the chances of work. They admit that in the steel industry, the wages of helpless, unorganized men have been ruthlessly slashed 40, 50 and even 60 per cent for the past year, and still the coal demand is only a fraction of normal."

(Signed) WILKES-BARRE MINERS.

Albert F. Albert, the bright, able and popular alderman of the Twenty-second ward, is making a splendid record in the city council.

County Treasurer Carr and County Clerk Sweitzer will be re-nominated unanimously.

Democrats are claiming all of the Chicago Congressional districts at next fall's election.

William J. Healy's friends declare that he would poll an immense Democratic vote if the Republicans should name him for mayor.

Chicago expended \$1,623,100 during 1921 in street and alley repairs, according to a report to be presented to the city council by Commissioner of Public Works Francis.



EUGENE R. PIKE.

Highly Respected North Side Republican Leader Who Is Making a Fine Record as President of the Lincoln Park Board.

clared Mr. Older, with Pennsylvania leading by a nose. Last year Illinois built 412 miles of hard-surfaced highways, as against her rival's 670 miles. New York followed with 367 miles, and Wisconsin with 340 miles.

Officers, trustees and district managers of the Firemen's Mutual Aid Society were elected Tuesday. John F. Cullerton, president; Jeremiah Murphy, vice president; Nick Murray, secretary; G. L. Hopp, treasurer; Dr. W. J. Egan, examining physician. The trustees are Peter C. Holm, George Gibson and Carl Hartman.

The Hoffman Guards, as Popular Pete's faction of the local Republicans is called, will never charge unless there is a payroll in sight.

The Democrats are working on a strong county ticket.

victims and hold on to the bulk of his stealings. The corruption worked in the community by his acts is disregarded. Crime is made attractive if the amount obtained is big enough to split between thief and victim.

Frank A. West of the Twenty-first ward is a Republican candidate for County Commissioner. His nomination would add great strength to the county ticket as he is one of the most popular men on the North Side. Mr. West is Vice President of the Board of Examiners of Stationary Engineers and his ability and training greatly fits him for membership on the County Board. His election would be a great aid to the taxpayers.

The thermometer dropped 26 degrees on Monday. Former Gov. Deneen's lieutenants were in Chicago for a "Conference."

we discharge our responsibility so that in future elections, when a voter casts his or her ballot they may rest assured that it will be recognized as sacred and will be counted exactly as cast," says Judge Righeimer in his communication.

Continuing and taking up the question of improving the service, he writes:

"As you have acted in an official capacity in conducting elections in your precinct, I am inclosing a blank on which I would like to have you state, in not more than 100 words, any plan or make and suggestions which in your judgment will improve the operation of election machinery in the polling places. Please send your replies to me at your earliest convenience.

"I wish to take this opportunity to extend to you, as one of the election officials of Chicago, my hearty con-